

Modern Foreign Languages

Intent

A high quality languages education should foster children's curiosity and deepen their understanding of the world. At Kingskerswell Primary School we are committed to ensuring that competence in another language enables children to interpret, create and exchange meaning within and across cultures. It also helps children develop skills that will open further opportunities later in life. The teaching of Spanish in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 provides an appropriate balance of spoken and written language and lays the foundations for further foreign language teaching at KS3.

Implementation

At Kingskerswell Primary school children are introduced to Spanish from the EYFS and receive regular timetabled lessons up to Y6. This enables the children to develop early language acquisition skills that facilitate their understanding of the patterns of language and how these differ from, or are similar to, English. Teaching is delivered by a specialist MFL language teacher ensuring consistency of high quality language teaching throughout the school.

Lessons across the Key Stages follow the MFL national curriculum supporting the skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing. In KS1 the emphasis is on speaking and listening as children are taught to listen attentively to spoken language and respond, joining in with songs, rhymes and games. As pupils progress to KS2 reading and writing skills are further developed

so that children discover an appreciation of a range of writing from a variety of authentic sources. Intercultural understanding is also taught through the curriculum helping pupils develop an understanding and respect of other cultures in our global community. Community Links have been developed with Newton Abbott College and children from KS3 visit to deliver language learning to the children. Language Leaders are appointed each year from KS2 to promote and celebrate all languages with regular assemblies celebrating international cultures. Spanish is incorporated within daily routines such as answering the register in Spanish and Spanish calendars are displayed in each classroom as well as dual language books for pupils to read for their own pleasure.

Impact

Spanish is enjoyed by pupils throughout the school and each child has a Spanish book passed up each year to demonstrate the progression of skills through KS1 and KS2. Pupils are assessed informally each term with a formal assessment given for end of year reports. Monitoring is continual through observing pupils in lessons, discussions about their work and informal oral and written exercises to ensure progression in language learning.